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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of tobacco made from India during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether large variety of tobacco is available in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Andhra Government has requested Union Government to direct Tobacco Board to purchase tobacco directly from the farmers to get minimum prices for their produce; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Available information suggests that the following approximate quantities of Flue Cured Virginia (FVC) tobacco were exported, state-wise from India during the last three years.

Year	Andhra Praedesh Crop	Karnataka crop	Total FCV
2001-02	27775	29351	57126
2002-03	40937	33232	74169
2003-04	52482	46701	99183

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. FCV tobacco, Burley, Natu, Kentucky fire cured, and Lanka verities of tobacco are cultivated in Andhra Pradesh.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The Central Government intervenes in the market when the prices fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the commodity. As the market prices for tobacco are ruling above the MSP, there is no justification for intervening in the market.